not only win games, but also build the confidence necessary to win championships. Clearly, these dedicated hoopsters have found this winning formula and attained the next rung of sporting success.

Greater challenges remain, however, and I wish the Strasburg High School girls basketball team the best of luck in the Colorado 2A State Championship. No matter what the outcome of the next game, this team has proven it has the heart of a champion, and can take pride in the District 8 Championship.

CONGRATULATING THE HOEHNE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKET-BALL TEAM

#### HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hoehne High School boys basketball team on their Class 2A District 6 Championship.

The Hoehne players, led by Coach Chuck Pugnetti, will now advance to the next level in the state basketball playoffs and their shot at the Colorado State 2A Championship.

All teams, no matter what the sport, continually strive to find that special and unique combination of teamwork, leadership, skill and effort which unlocks the door to success. Under careful tutelage, hard-working teams not only win games, but also build the confidence necessary to win championships. Clearly, these dedicated hoopsters have found this winning formula and attained the next rung of sporting success.

Greater challenges remain, however, and I wish the Hoehne High School boys basketball team the best of luck in the Colorado 2A State Championship. No matter what the outcome of the next game, this team has proven it has the heart of a champion, and can take pride in the District 6 Championship.

CONGRATULATING THE PLATTE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

## HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, March 2, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Platte Valley High School boys basketball team on their Class 3A District 3 Championship.

The Platte Valley players, led by Coach Dave Mekelburg, will now advance to the next level in the state basketball playoffs and their shot at the Colorado State 3A Championship.

All teams, no matter what the sport, continually strive to find that special and unique combination of teamwork, leadership, skill and effort which unlocks the door to success. Under careful tutelage, hard-working teams

not only win games, but also build the confidence necessary to win championships. Clearly, these dedicated hoopsters have found this winning formula and attained the next rung of sporting success.

Greater challenges remain, however, and I wish the Platte Valley High School boys basketball team the best of luck in the Colorado 3A State Championship. No matter what the outcome of the next game, this team has proven it has the heart of a champion, and can take pride in the District 3 Championship.

CONGRATULATING THE WELD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

#### HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 1999

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Weld Central High School boys basketball team on their Class 3A District 2 Championship.

The Weld Central players, led by Coach Gary Stone, will not advance to the next level in the state basketball playoffs and their shot at the Colorado State 3A Championship.

All teams, no matter what the sport, continually strive to find that special and unique combination of teamwork, leadership, skill and effort which unlocks the door to success. Under careful tutelage, hard-working teams not only win games, but also build the confidence necessary to win championships. Clearly, these dedicated hoopsters have found this winning formula and attained the next rung of sporting success.

Greater challenges remain, however, and I wish the Weld Central High School boys basketball team the best of luck in the Colorado 3A State Championship. No matter what the outcome of the next game, this team has proven it has the heart of a champion, and can take pride in the District 2 Championship.

CONGRATULATING THE EATON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKET-BALL TEAM

## HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  $Tuesday,\ March\ 2,\ 1999$ 

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Eaton High School girls basket-ball team on their Class 3A District 3 Championship.

The Eaton players, led by coach Bob Ervin, will now advance to the next level in the state basketball playoffs and their shot at the Colorado State 3A Championship.

All teams, no matter what the sport, continually strive to find that special and unique combination of teamwork, leadership, skill and effort which unlocks the door to success. Under careful tutelage, hard-working teams

not only win games, but also build the confidence necessary to win championships. Clearly, these dedicated hoopsters have found this winning formula and attained the next rung of sporting success.

Greater challenges remain, however, and I wish the Eaton High School girls basketball team the best of luck in the Colorado 3A State Championship. No matter what the outcome of the next game, this team has proven it has the heart of a champion, and can take pride in the District 3 Championship.

# A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE CHARLES HARNESS

### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, March 2, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Honorable Charles Harness on the occasion of his retirement from the Tulare County Board of Supervisors. The people of the Fourth District have been well served by Charles Harness for the past 8 years.

Charles Harness was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1990, and was reelected without opposition in 1994. In 1998, Supervisor Harness served as chairman of the board. As the Board's legislative advocate, Supervisor Harness successfully worked with State legislators to upgrade county services and promote innovative programs to better serve the people of Tulare County.

In addition to his Board responsibilities, Supervisor Harness was a leader in numerous State and regional intergovernmental organizations. From 1993 to 1997, he was a member of the Governing Board of San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, and in 1996, he served as its chairman. Supervisor Harness also served on the Governor's Williamson Act Advisory Task Force. He is a member of the Government and Finance Operations Committee for the California State Association of Counties, while remaining active in the Tulare County Association of Governments.

A native Californian, Supervisor Harness is married with two children and four grand-children. He served in the United States Air Force from 1957 to 1961. He attended college at Mount San Antonio, CA State University Fresno, and the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. Supervisor Harness is a retired farmer, building contractor, and land developer. He is a life member of the Alta District Historical Society, a member of the Cutler-Orosi Lions Club, past chairman of the board for the Dinuba Christian Church, and a former director of the Alta Hospital Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Honorable Charles Harness on the occasion of his retirement. Charles Harness has served the people of the Fourth District for more than 8 years. I urge all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Charles on a job well done and to wish him many years of continued happiness and success.